

PLAN SUMMARY

Plan Title: The Five-Year Cooperative Fire Protection Plan, Nevada & Utah 1996-2001

Type: Strategic operating plan for cooperative interagency program

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Plan Description: (Purpose, Goals and Guiding Principles)

This plan provides the foundation for distributing and awarding federal matching grant dollars and out year budgeting; it also provide direction for establishing annual program priorities for activities of the Intermountain Region and for the States of Utah and Nevada.

The program functions to maintain and improve fire protection efficiency and effectiveness on non-federal lands; achieve national benefits which exceed federal expenditures for fire protection on non-federal lands; and allow cooperation with States on fire protection for non-federal lands. The program also works to reduce the threat and losses from wildfires in interface areas on private and state land as well as integrate fuel management into Forest Stewardship and Urban Forestry programs and projects wherever possible to capture multiple benefits in managing natural ecosystems.

Planning/Guiding Principals

- Nevada Revised Statutes: Administer all fire control laws and all forestry laws in Nevada outside of town site boundaries.
- Assist and encourage county or local fire protection districts to create legally constituted fire protection districts where they are needed and offer guidance and advice in their operation.
- Development in forested areas is an increasing problem for wildland fire protection agencies, putting high value wildlands at risk.
- State forester firewarden has a key role in leading, participating in or supporting initiatives focusing on fire concerns in the urban/wildland interface.

Geographic Scope: Nonfederal lands within Nevada Fire Protection Districts at risk of wildland fire; Statewide scope.

Legislative Authority and /or Administrative Policies: NRS Chapter 472, 473, 474, & 475.

Dates of Plan Completion & Next Update: December, 1996 & Next Update: December, 2001

Review/Approval Process. Reviewed and updated annually and approved by the State Forester and the US Forest Service.

Cooperating Agencies: U.S. Forest Service, State of Utah.

Participating Stakeholders: Private landowners, Fire Protection Agencies, Local governments & communities.

Public Communication and/or Participation Process

Cooperative Fire Protection Program clients and grant recipients provide direct comment on all aspects of the program.

Data Types Required and Used

- Number, size, type, location, etc. of wildland fires
- Planting/project locations
- Vegetation hazards
- Volunteer Fire Department training

Data Sources

- Client input & demand
- Project evaluations
- Published data & information
- Cooperator input & meetings

Performance Indicators

- Increase the number of fire prevention demonstrations by 5%.
- Reduce the number of man-caused fires in NDF jurisdiction by 10%.
- Reduce the number of acres burned by 15%.
- Reduce average response times in all regions.
- Increase the amount of reimbursable costs for emergency assists.

Funding Sources. The Nevada Cooperative Fire Protection Program operates on funds provided by an annual federal grant from the US Forest Service and local match funds provided by Nevada Fire Protection Districts.